

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An external packer-(4, 4', 4'') for a pipe string-(2) in a well-(6), the packer-(4, 4', 4'') being arranged for allowing to lead at least one line (18) to be led seamlessly past this, ~~the packer characterized in that~~, the packer comprising-(4, 4', 4'') ~~consists of~~

- a continuous inner packer ring-(8) and a separate and continuous outer packer ring-(10),
- wherein the outer packer ring is adapted to enclose an ~~which in the operating position is placed outside of the inner packer ring-(8), enclosing this in a pressure tight manner when in an operating position, and that~~
- wherein the fitting surface of at least one of the packer rings-(8, 10) is provided with at least one axially directed and through-going line slot-(16, 16'), ~~where a slot (16, 16')~~ adapted to receive the ~~encloses~~ a line-(18) in a pressure tight manner when in the operating position.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the inner packer ring-(8) is a separate packer unit.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the inner packer ring-(8) is integrated as an external ring portion-(88, 90) of a pipe-(12, 12') in the pipe string-(2).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) TheA packer-(4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 2, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the inner packer ring-(8) ~~consists of~~ comprises several annular packer components, which, when in their the operating positions, ~~position~~ are fitted together so as to ~~and~~ function as the inner packer ring-(8).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A packer (4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the outer packer ring (10) ~~consists of~~comprises several annular packer components, which, ~~when in their~~the operating ~~positions,~~position are fitted together ~~so as to~~and function as the outer packer ring (10).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A packer (4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 5, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the packer components are assembled in ~~an~~the axial direction.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A packer (4, 4', 4'') according to Claim 5, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the packer components are assembled in ~~a~~the radial direction.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A method of leading at least one continuous line (18) seamlessly past at least one external packer (4, 4', 4'')placed along a pipe string (2) in a well (6), ~~wherein said~~the at least one line (18) ~~being~~is led to ~~at its~~well position, ~~where in~~which the line is either terminated freely ~~it has a free termination~~ or is connected to well equipment, ~~characterized in that~~the method ~~comprising~~comprises the following sequential steps:

- (a) connecting each packer position along the pipe string (2)~~to an inner packer ring or, alternatively, constructing each packer position along the pipe string~~is connected to or constructed with an inner packer ring (8);
- (b) arranging a number of outer packer rings (10) ~~is arranged~~ in logical order for subsequent and sequential feeding out to the pipe string (2);
- (c) passing the at least one line (18) ~~is passed~~ through all of the outer packer rings (10) and further along the pipe string (2);

- (d) connecting the at least one line-(18) ~~is connected~~ to the inner packer ring-(8) of ~~a~~the first packer along the pipe string, said first packer forming the deepest packer when ~~and in its~~the operating position in the well ~~deepest, packer (4, 4', 4'')~~;
- (e) passing the most ~~proximate~~proximal of said outer packer rings-(10) mentioned in step (b), ~~are passed~~ along the at least one line-(18) and onwards to the pipe string-(2);
- (f) pulling the outer packer ring-(10) ~~is pulled~~ over and around the at least one line-(18) and the inner packer ring-(8), whereby the outer packer ring functions as a sealing sleeve around the line and the inner packer ring, and wherein each line (18) ~~being arranged~~is placed in an axial, through-going line slot-(16, 16') between respectivethe fitting surfaces of the inner packer ring and the outer packer ring ~~rings~~-(8, 10);
- (g) assembling and running additional pipe ~~pip~~ing lengths of the pipe string (2) ~~are assembled and run~~ into the well-(6) while feeding out the at least one line-(18) ~~is fed out~~ continuously along the pipe string-(2); and ~~that~~
- (h) repeating steps (d) - (g) for connecting ~~are repeated~~ if the at least one line-(18) is to be ~~connected to several successive packers (4, 4', 4'') along the pipe string (2).~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 8, wherein the method further comprises: ~~characterized in that~~

- pre-installing or pre-machining the inner packer rings-(8) ~~are pre-installed or pre-machined~~ on individual pipes-(12, 12') in the pipe string-(2).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 8, wherein the method further comprises: ~~characterized in that~~

- delivering the outer packer rings-(10) ~~are delivered~~ from a dispenser-(24), and passing ~~that~~ the at least one line-(18) passes through the outer packer rings-(10) and the dispenser-(24).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 8, wherein
~~the~~characterized in that if an outer packer ring-(10) comprises several annular packer
components, and further comprising the step of arranging the packer components are
arranged in logical order for subsequent delivery and assembly thereof~~of these~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 11, wherein the
method further comprises:~~characterized in that~~
- feeding individually continuous and flexible spare components after the outer packer
rings-(10) are followed by individually continuous and flexible spare components that if
necessary may be bent in a flexible manner and led past preceding outer packer rings
(10).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in~~
~~that if any~~wherein the outer packer ring-(10) comprises several annular packer
components, and further comprising the step of arranging the packer components are
arranged in logical order for subsequent delivery and assembly thereof~~of these~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) TheA method according to Claim 13, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~wherein the method further comprises:
- feeding individually continuous and flexible spare components after the outer packer
rings-(10) are followed by individually continuous and flexible spare components that if
necessary may be bent in a flexible manner and led past preceding outer packer rings
(10).

Claim 15 (New) An external packer for a pipe string in a well, the packer adapted to
allow at least one line to be led seamlessly past the packer, the packer comprising:
- a continuous inner packer ring having an inner sealing surface for sealingly enclosing an
outside surface of the pipe string in a pressure tight manner;

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- a separate and continuous outer packer sealing ring having an inner sealing surface for sealingly enclosing an outside of the inner packer ring in a pressure tight manner; and
- a fitting surface provided on at least one of the inner and outer packer rings, the fitting surface comprising at least one axially directed and through-going slot adapted to receive the line in a sealed, pressure tight manner when in the operating position.